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SUBJ: MTO EARLY WARNING - SUPPLY OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY
TO FAILAKA ISLAND

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS MIN ELECTRICITY AND WATER UNDERSECRETARY MOHAMMED ALI AL-HAMAD BRIEFLY MENTIONED PLANS TO LAY TWO CABLES AND PIPELINE UNDER THE GULF FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER TO SPARSELY POPULATED FAILAKA ISLAND. AL-HAMAD INDICATED THIS PART PLAN DEVELOP RECREATIONAL AND TOURIST FACILITIES ON ISLAND. (SEE REFTELS).

2. THIS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE INTERNATIONAL TENDER AND ONE LOCAL CONTRACTOR ESTIMATED COST LAYING UNDERWATER CABLE AS KD100 PER METER (KD1 EQUALS \$3.38), ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NO WAY VERIFYING THAT ESTIMATE. WITH FAILAKA LYING ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS OFF COAST AT ITS CLOSEST POINT, THIS INDICATES INSTALLATION ELECTRICAL CABLES ALONE MAY RUN UPWARDS FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS.

3. REQUEST COMMERCE NOTIFY MAJOR SUPPLIERS ELECTRICAL CABLE AND CONTRACTORS HAVING EXPERIENCE IN THIS TYPE CONSTRUCTION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES IN KUWAIT. COMPANIES SHOULD BE ALERTED TO NECESSITY HAVING LOCAL AGENT
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REPRESENT THEM IN ALL GOK TENDERS. POST WILL TRY TO FOLLOW-UP

ON PROJECT AS IT DEVELOPS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FEED-BACK
COMMERCE CAN PROVIDE.
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